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TAGS: SCUL, UR  
SUBJ: DISCUSSION OF BICENTENNIAL PLANS WITH SOVIETS

1. WE HOPE TO BE IN TOUCH INFORMALLY WITH THE SOVIETS SHORTLY REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL OBSERVATION.
2. SEVERAL AMERICAN IDEAS NOW IN VARIOUS STAGES OF PLANNING OR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: CONCERT TOUR BY MAJOR U.S. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, SERIES OF SEMINARS ON AMERICAN HISTORY LEADING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAIRS OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD UNIVERSITIES, A "DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN LECTURE SERIES," PLACEMENT OF A FULL 13-PART TV SERIES ON THE U.S. ON SOVIET TELEVISION, BOOK EXHIBITS ON THE UNITED STATES: 1776-1976, AND AN INCREASED LEVEL OF INDIVIDUAL SOVIET VISITORS TO THE U.S. TO INCLUDE INCREASED PRIVATE CONTACTS AND FAMILY HOME STAYS THROUGH BICENTENNIAL ORGANIZATIONS.
3. AS QUID PRO QUO, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES TO TAKE PLACE IN U.S. SUCH PROJECTS COULD INCLUDE:

A. PACIFIC 21 EXPOSITION AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL, CITY OF LOS ANGELES, JUNE-SEPT 1976, DESIGNED TO EXAMINE HERITAGE, CULTURE, AND HISTORY OF EACH PACIFIC NATION AND ITS RELATION  
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TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE U.S.

B. AMERICAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,  
SUMMER 1976.

C. INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE OF YOUTH, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA;  
THEY HAVE INVITED VILNIUS BOYS CHOIR, "AZUOLIUKAS."

D. A TRAVELING EXHIBIT (SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET ANNOUNCED  
PLANS FOR 1976 UNDER CULTURAL AGREEMENT).

E. MAJOR PERFORMING ARTS TOUR(S), KEYED TO BICENTENNIAL  
EVENTS.

F. 1976 INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE,  
SPONSORED BY AMERICAN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES, JUNE 1976.

G. MORE REGULAR AND CONTINUING NOMINATION OF LECTURERS  
IN CULTURE, HISTORY, AND LANGUAGE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE (IF POSSIBLE BY  
FEBRUARY 20) ANY SUGGESTIONS FURTHER TO THOSE IN PARA 2 WHICH  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION MIGHT HAVE  
FOR SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN U.S.  
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